

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re National Stage Application of PCT/EP98/03095

BECKER et al.

Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

Appln. No.: 09/424,660

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Filed: November 29, 1999

FOR: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR REGULATING THE COATING THICKNESS,
ESPECIALLY BOND COATING THICKNESS

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January 27, 2000

REQUEST FOR REFUND OF ONE-HALF LARGE ENTITY FILING FEE

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, DC 20231

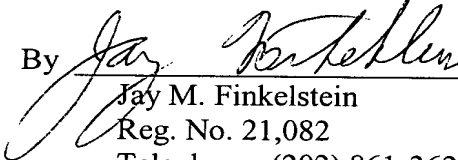
Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Small Entity Declaration for the above-identified National Stage Application. The application was filed on November 29, 1999 and the large entity fee of \$840 was paid at that time. Since it is less than 2 months since the application has been filed, Applicant respectfully requests that one-half of the large entity filing fee, \$420, be refunded in lieu of the timely filing of the Small Entity Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

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